

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 2 to 6, all other claims having been cancelled. The specification has been amended to correct the filing date of the PCT application.

Claims 2 to 6 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description and lacking enablement. The Examiner states that the claims do not provide an adequate description of the extraction method and the Examiner the identification of the protein is not clear.

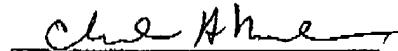
Applicants traverse these rejections as it is believed that amended claim 6 complies with 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Claim 6 now clearly defines the extraction of the protein by indicating ammonium sulfate precipitation as taught in Example 2, page 9, third paragraph followed by gel chromatography as taught by the last paragraph of page 9. Therefore, it is deemed that the extraction method is clearly defined.

With respect to the definition of the protein, claim 6 has been amended to require the presence of all 3 of sequence ID Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and taken with the method of

extraction and 90.9 kDa enables one skilled in the art to know that he has the desired protein. Therefore, withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

In view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims point out Applicants' patentable contribution. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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